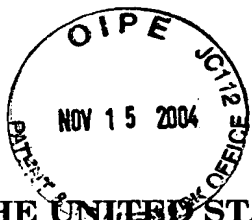


P5287a



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Kazuko Fukano, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2116

Serial No.: 09/698,778

Examiner: Nitin C. Patel

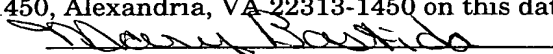
Filed: October 27, 2000

Title: Output Device, Method of Controlling It, and Storage Medium

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Response is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as "First Class" mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date.

Date: November 9, 2004


Mary Bastida

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above identified application as follows: